

# Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee



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# Civil Rights Commission

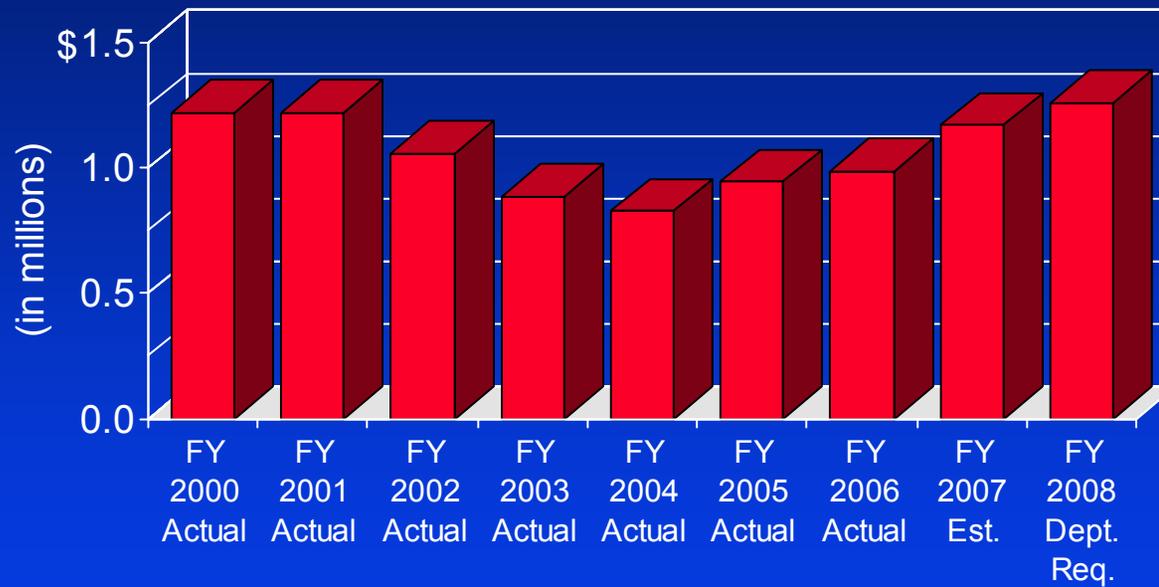
- ◆ The Civil Rights Commission was established in 1965. The Commission exists to protect the civil rights of all persons throughout Iowa.
- ◆ The Commission's primary function is to:
  - ❖ Enforce the law through judicial review.
  - ❖ Investigate discrimination complaints as a neutral fact finder.
  - ❖ Advocate for compliance with civil rights laws.
  - ❖ Educate Iowans to recognize and prevent discrimination.

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# Civil Rights Commission



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# Department of Corrections



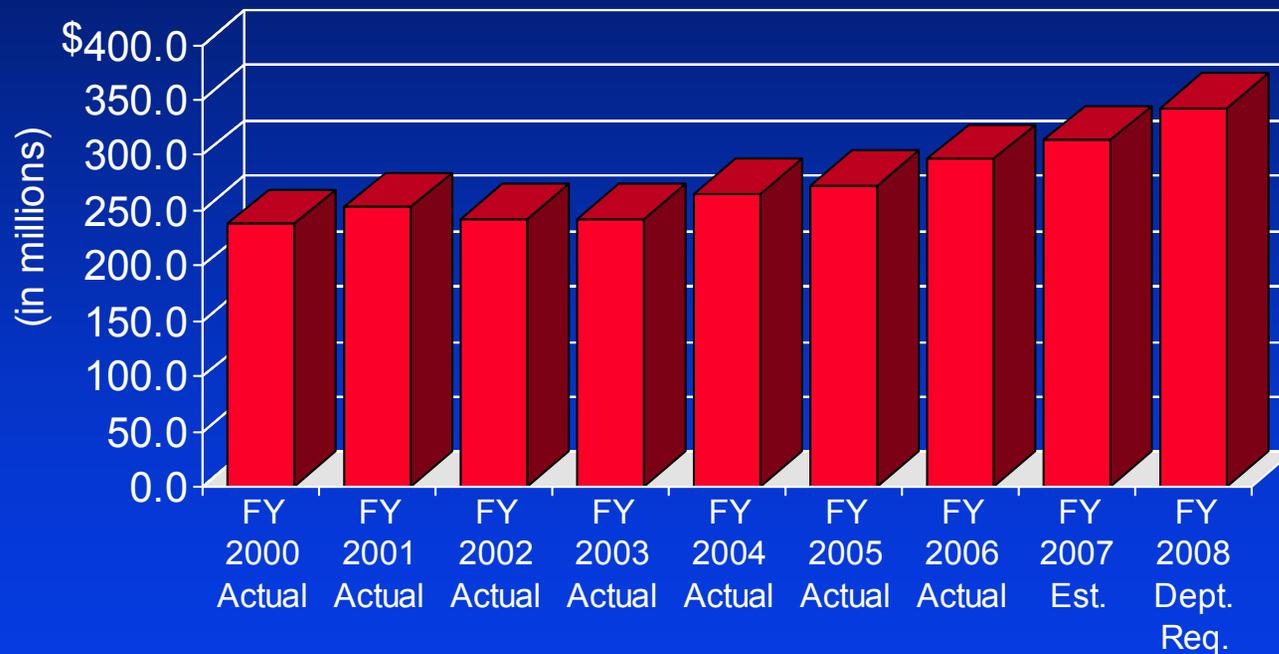
- ◆ Incarcerates legally-committed adult offenders in prison, providing a safe and secure environment for offenders and staff.
- ◆ Provides oversight of Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Departments that provide supervision for probation, parole, and work release.
- ◆ Provides opportunities for offenders to become law-abiding citizens through various educational, skill development, and counseling programs.
- ◆ Trains professional staff at the Corrections Training Center.
- ◆ Provides oversight of local jails.

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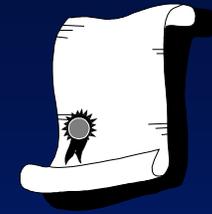


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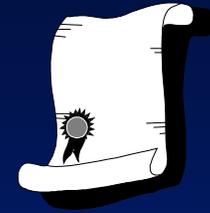
# Department of Justice



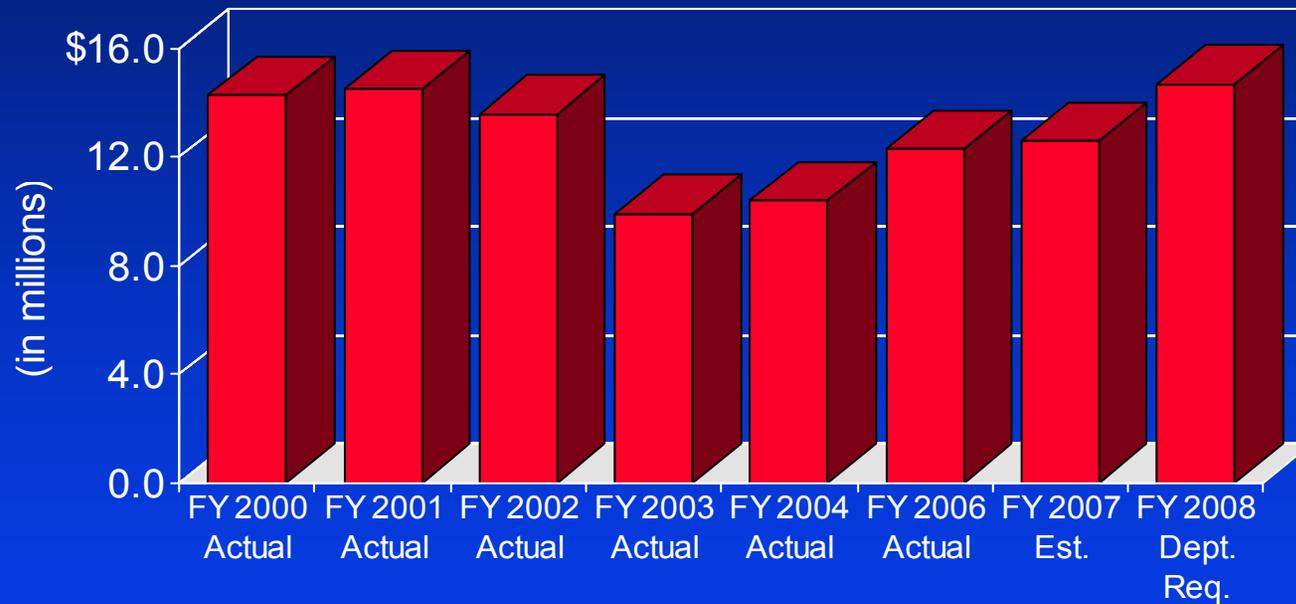
- ◆ The Attorney General is the head of the Department of Justice.
- ◆ The Department of Justice:
  - Represents the State in litigation.
  - Issues formal and informal opinions and advice to State agencies.
  - Prosecutes some criminal offenders and handles criminal appeals.
  - Carries out civil commitments under Iowa's Sexually Violent Predator Program.
  - Provides victim services and legal assistance to farmers.
  - Appears on behalf of consumers in utility rate cases.

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# Department of Justice



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# Department of Public Defense



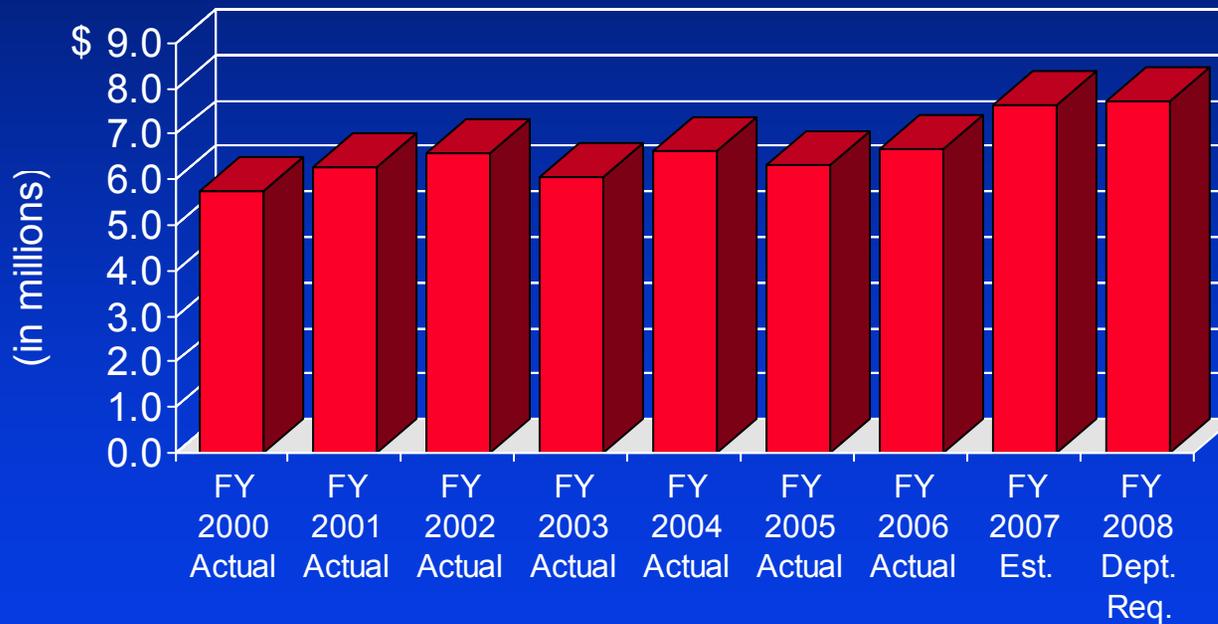
- ◆ The Governor is the Commander in Chief, and the Adjutant General of Iowa is responsible for administration, training, recruitment, and efficient operation of the National Guard.
- ◆ The Military Division contains both the Army and Air National Guard. It is to maintain a state of readiness for possible federal mobilization and to respond to State disasters and public disorder.
- ◆ The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division is responsible for planning and responding to natural and man-made emergencies and disasters and for administering the State Enhanced 911 Program.

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# Department of Public Safety



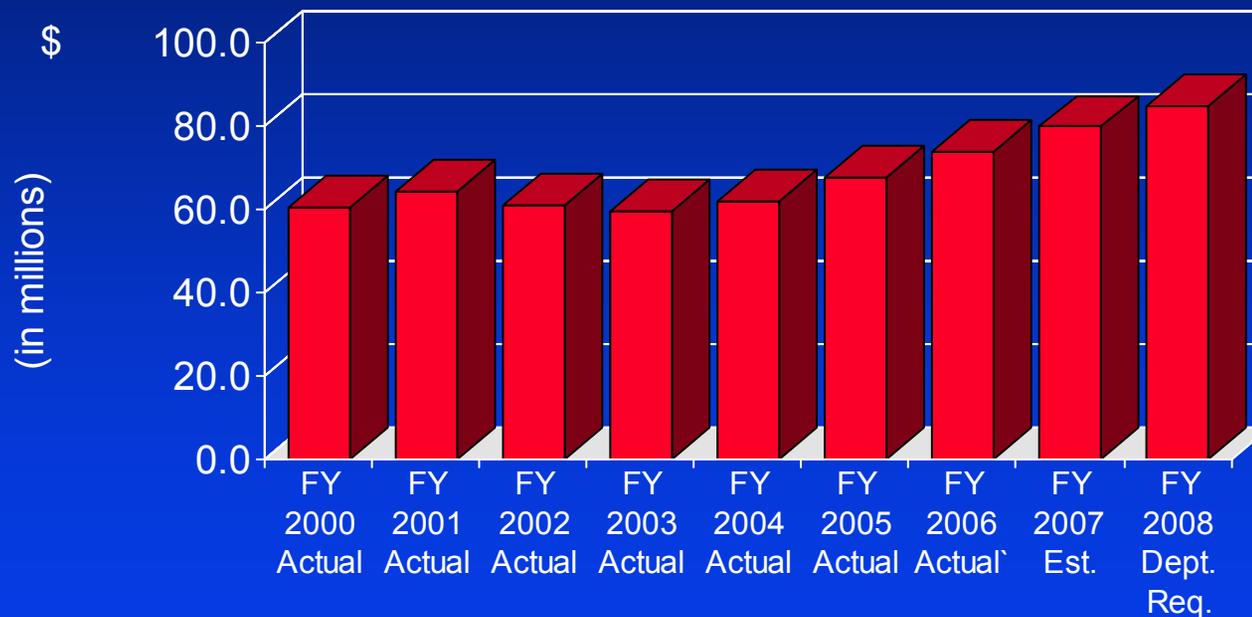
- ◆ The Department of Public Safety was created in 1939, through the consolidation of several departments and divisions under an executive designated as Commissioner of Public Safety.
- ◆ The Department is a Statewide organization charged with promoting the safety of all Iowans from hazards associated with crime, fire, and traffic, through the provision of law enforcement services. The Department includes the following divisions:
  - ❖ Administrative Services Division
  - ❖ Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)
  - ❖ Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE)
  - ❖ Fire Marshal Division
  - ❖ Iowa State Patrol

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# Iowa Law Enforcement Academy



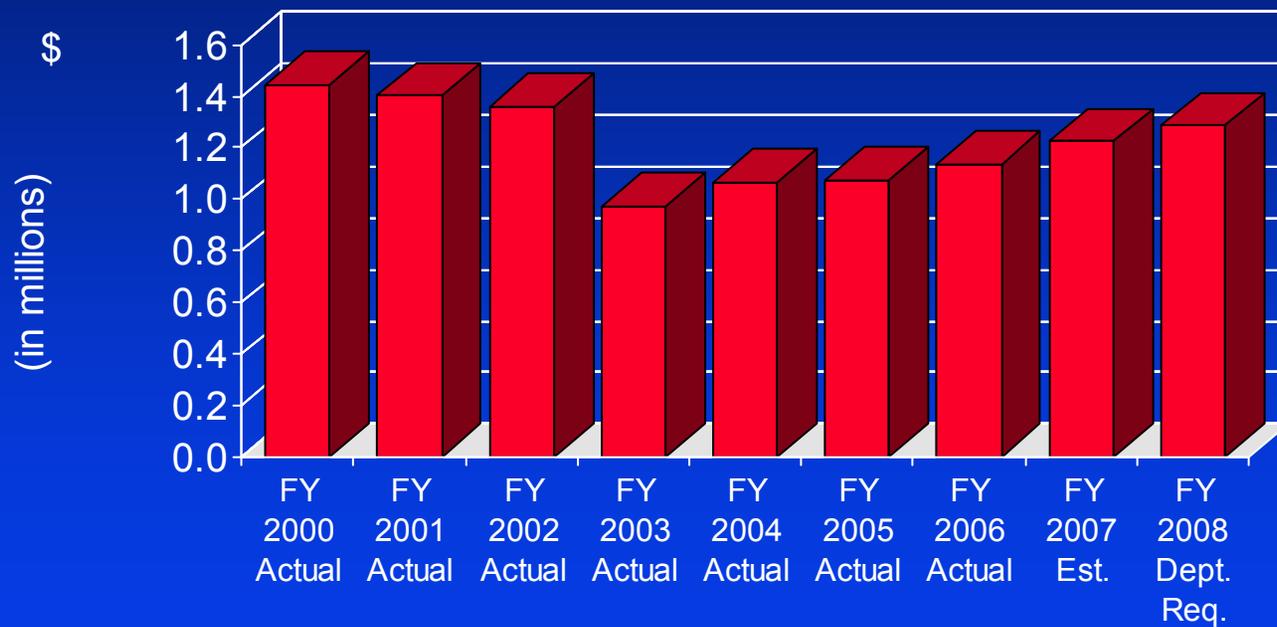
- ◆ Provides the initial and continued training of all city, county, and State law enforcement officers.
- ◆ Sets standards for the law enforcement service and establishes minimum hiring standards for peace officers.
- ◆ Provides training to jailers employed by county jails and city holding facilities.
- ◆ Trains telecommunicators to handle E911 communications and other dispatch responsibilities.
- ◆ Certifies reserve peace officers to carry weapons.

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# Judicial Branch



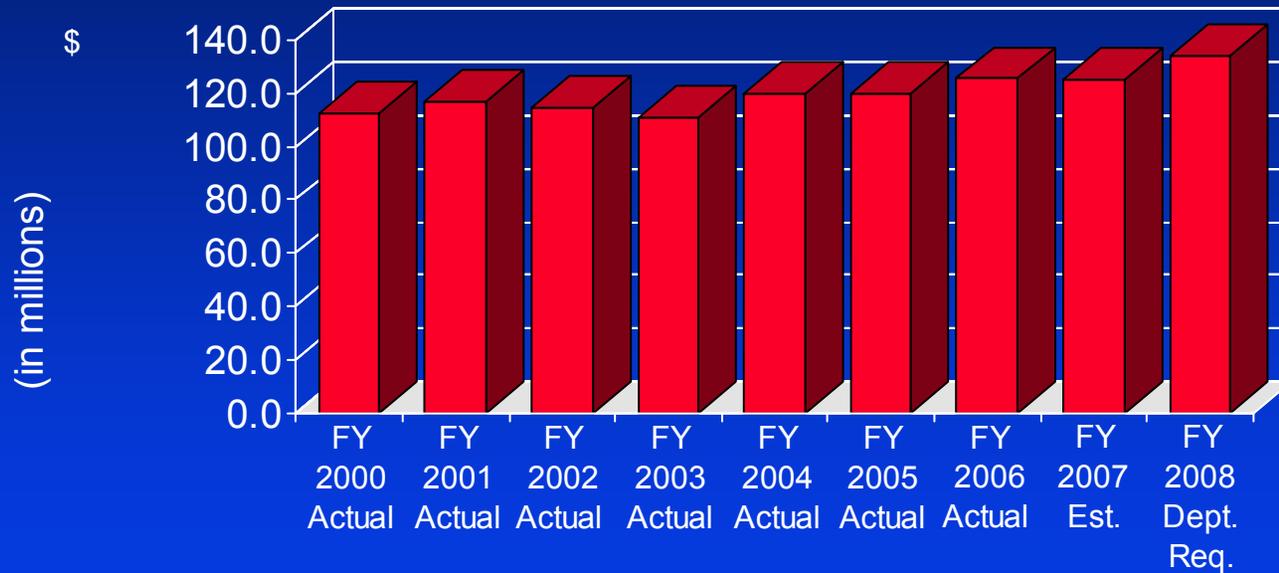
- ◆ In 1983, Iowa's Court System was reorganized. The Iowa Court System went from being funded by the counties to being funded by the State.
- ◆ The State is divided into eight judicial districts. Revenues collected from fines, fees, and court costs are deposited into the General Fund.
- ◆ The Supreme Court has supervisory and administrative control over the Judicial Branch and over all judicial officers and court employees. The Governor must include the Supreme Court's budget recommendation without change in his budget.

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# Judicial Branch



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# Office of the State Public Defender



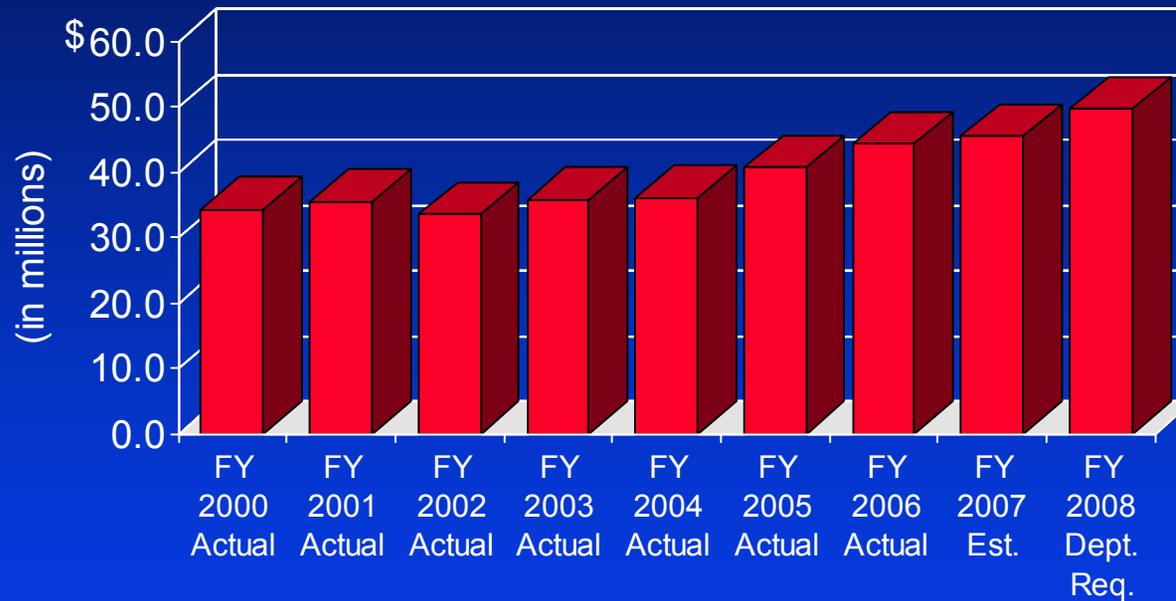
- ◆ In 1989, county public defenders and state appellate defenders were combined under the State Public Defender within the Department of Inspections and Appeals. The same year the Indigent Defense Program was moved from the Judicial Department to the Department of Inspections and Appeals.
- ◆ Indigent Defense is a State program designed to provide legal representation to low-income criminal defendants.
- ◆ State Public Defender's Office represents indigents in criminal and juvenile cases and appeals when appointed by the court.
- ◆ The Office of the State Public Defender and the Indigent Defense Program are appropriated by the Justice Appropriations Subcommittee. The remaining programs in the Department of Inspections and Appeals are appropriated by the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee.

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# State Public Defender/Indigent Defense



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## Parole Board



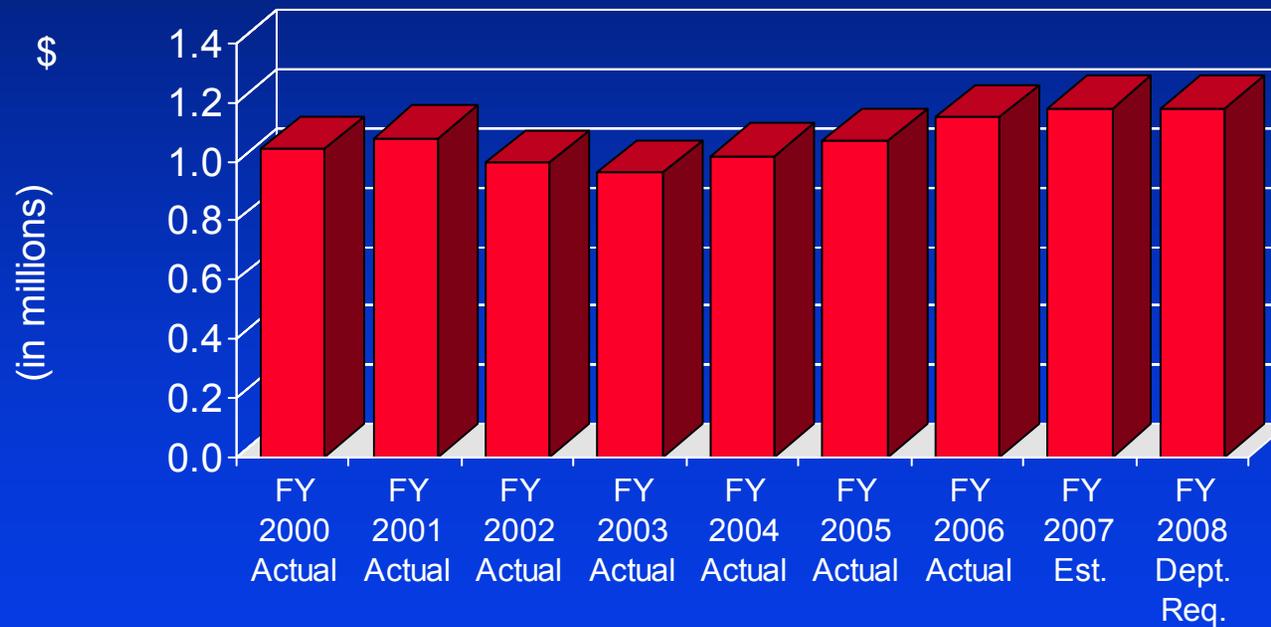
- ◆ Identifies the Board's mission to reintegrate offenders into the community who can be safely released from prison to CBC supervision.
- ◆ Performs periodic, objective risk evaluations to select viable candidates for parole and work release.
- ◆ Returns to prison offenders who fail while on parole and work release.
- ◆ Notifies victims so they may make comments at a parole and work release hearing.
- ◆ Advises the Governor on matters of executive clemency.

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# Parole Board



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- ◆ Copies of the Topic Presentations are available from the Fiscal Services Division or by accessing the web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb>.
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